

House Resolution 685

By: Representative Gurtler of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Rabun County on the grand occasion of its Bicentennial
2 Anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rabun County was established on December 21, 1819, and was named after
4 William Rabun, who served in the Georgia General Assembly as President of the Senate; he
5 was elected as Governor in 1817 and died in office in 1819; and

6 WHEREAS, once heavily populated by Cherokee Indians, this area of the Appalachians was
7 often called the Cherokee Mountains and beginning in 1820, the land in Rabun County was
8 given to settlers through a state lottery system; and

9 WHEREAS, the mountainous range of Rabun County made it challenging for travelers
10 hoping to visit and explore the area and, due to the ruggedness of the mountains, agriculture
11 was the only major industry until the 1880s; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1898, the Tallulah Falls Railroad began serving customers, and Rabun
13 County experienced a surge in tourism from people eager to explore the beautiful northeast
14 Georgia mountains in Rabun County; and

15 WHEREAS, today, tourist destinations to Rabun County include Tallulah Gorge State Park,
16 Black Rock Mountain State Park, Rabun Bald Trail, and Moccasin Creek State Park, where
17 guests enjoy hiking, camping, and rafting most of the year; and

18 WHEREAS, Foxfire Museum & Heritage Center is an educational, yet fun and inviting
19 place, where Southern Appalachian traditions are preserved and celebrated; and

20 WHEREAS, the stunning beauty of Lake Rabun and Lake Burton, situated on either ends of
21 the county, make them popular summer spots; and the historic Dillard House Restaurant, in

22 Dillard, Georgia, serves southern-style food in beautiful surroundings, including horse
23 stables and a petting zoo; and

24 WHEREAS, today, with its rural charm and natural beauty, Rabun County continues to
25 attract new businesses, residents, and visitors to enjoy all the area has to offer.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and congratulate Rabun County on the grand occasion
28 of its Bicentennial Anniversary.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available to the Rabun County
31 Chamber of Commerce, the public, and the press.